

***UPDATE* Delaware State Police Investigating Industrial Accident- Bethany Beach**

Bethany Beach- Delaware State Police are investigating an industrial accident that claimed two individuals' lives this morning.

On November 2, 2020, at approximately 10:31 a.m., Delaware State Police responded to a reported industrial accident. The investigation determined a 22-year-old male of Puerto Rico and a 23-year-old male of Puerto Rico were working in a Z135 Man Lift to install new antennas for Vexel company on the water tower of Sussex Shores Water Company located at 39602 Waterworks Court, Bethany Beach. The individuals were approximately 120 feet off the ground when a strong wind caused the lift to tip over and become tangled in the surrounding electrical wires as it fell to the ground.

Both individuals were pronounced deceased on the scene. Identification is pending notification to the next of kin.

One lane of southbound Coastal Highway remained closed for approximately 4 hours as the investigation was conducted.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Division of Forensic Science and US Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA) are assisting with the investigation. Anyone with information should contact Detective P. Hailey with Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-752-3810 or emailing Kimberly.Haley@delaware.gov.

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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